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3a.  The Certification Statement in Item 5 below is applicable. Accordingly, no fee is required.

3b.  The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) is:

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6.  This application is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60 or §1.53(b) or (d).

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6a.  A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) is concurrently filed herewith.

6b.  Copies of publications listed on Form PTO-1449 from prior application Serial No. \_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_, of which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, are not being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

6c.  Copies of the publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. , filed on , and are provided herewith.

7.  This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. (*Check either Item 7a or 7b*)

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8a.  satisfied because all non-English language publications were cited on the enclosed English language copy of the PCT International Search Report or the search report from a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

8b.  set forth in the application.

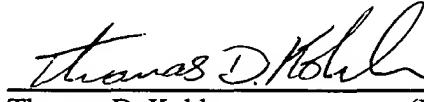
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Respectfully,

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